

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council meeting
held at the Community Centre, Sporle
On Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present

Gordon Burrows (Chairman)
Helen Bartley
Helen Dye

Kalvin McLeod (Vice-Chairman)
Janis Bevan
John Rodwell

Elizabeth Durrant (Clerk)

1. **To receive and consider and vote on accepting apologies for absence.** Matthew Clark, Ed Colman and Peter Wilkinson.. Agreed unanimously.
2. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on the 12th November 2019.** Proposed by John Rodwell and seconded by Calvin McLeod. Carried unanimously.
3. **To record any declarations of interest in any items discussed.** None
4. **To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public, and councillors with a prejudicial interest, to speak on agenda items.** None present.
5. **To receive updates from County and District Councillors.**
None of the Councillors were in attendance due to the forthcoming General /election on 12th December 2019.
6. **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2019 not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.** None
7. **Finance:**
 - a) To approve payments to be made as at Annex A. Proposed by John Rodwell, seconded by Janis Bevan and accepted unanimously.
 - b) Precept for 2020/2021 - The Precept was discussed. The Clerk suggested an increase to £22,000 for 2020/2021 financial year. This was an uplift from 2019/2020 of £347 which equated to an increase in Band D house of £1.05 annually. Those above Band would be slightly more whilst those below would be slightly less. This was to cover increased costs for electricity/maintenance etc. After a thorough discussion the Precept for 2020/2021 at £22,000 was proposed by Helen Dye, seconded by Calvin McLeod and carried unanimously.
 - c) Request for financial support for Mid Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau. It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a donation of £50.
 - d) Request for financial support from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – it was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would make a donation of £5-.
 - e) Financial support for youth provision in the village. After discussion it was agreed that £500 would be earmarked in the Precept for Youth Provision. Efforts would be made to seek appropriate adult supervision so that a youth group of some description could be set up.
 - f) Arrangements have been made to a new textile recycling bin located at the Community Centre and also for the paper bin to be relocated there as well.
 - g) Village sign needs refurbishing. Gordon agreed to speak to Mr Denton to see if he could recommend anyone.
8. **Planning:**
3PL/2019/1403 – Land off The Street, Sporle. Construction of dwelling and commercial unit with B8 business use (Re-application of 3PL/2019/0704/F). This application had only been received by the Clerk shortly before the meeting. It was therefore decided it possible it should be put back to the January meeting. Clerk to contact planning officer and request an extension so this could be discussed at the January meeting.
9. **Highways:**
 - a) Street Lighting report – all reported issues had been dealt with.
 - b) Painting of railings – Clerk had reported this to NORSE who are the new contractors.

10. The Pavilion, Playing field and Playground project:

Internal work was ongoing and reasonable progress was being made. There was a further meeting next week. The regular meetings were helping to keep things on track. Gordon and John Corley now have keys to gain access to the building. Fundraising - the shop had raised £300 for the Pavilion and Town Farm Trust had agreed to donate a further £10,000. The 50/50 funding was due to be available from sometime in December and an application would be made and if successful this would mean that the complete refurbishment and extension project could be achieved. Once completed fundraising would continue to upgrade the playground; fencing and pagoda.

11. Grass and hedge cutting:

- a) Ditch cutting – Calvin and Janis agreed to work on a specification for the ditch cutting so that it could be put out to tender in time for the spring.

12. Bunkers Hill

The clerk would obtain quotes for a wall mounted bin for the bus stop. Seating had been deferred until the floor could be painted in the spring.

13. SAM2 sign update.

Gordon had collected the SAM2 sign and delivered it to Calvin who discovered that there was something wrong with one of the batteries. The battery had been taken to Westotec and hopefully could be picked up on Monday. After discussion it was agreed to find out the costings of a SAM2 sign for the village.

14. To consider correspondence. (All circulated prior to meeting).

- a) Letter from local resident re streetlight at Newfields. The letter was discussed and unfortunately the only option in respect of the light shining into the house was the baffle which had already been fitted. It would not be possible to turn the light out or down as it was on a relay and this would then put the whole area into darkness and residents had complained when the light was out that it was too dark for safety reasons for those going to work etc in the late evenings and early mornings.

15. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 9th January 2020, 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle

Meeting closed at 9.22pm

Elizabeth Durrant
Clerk to Parish Council

7th January 2020

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